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## GLENDALÉ COUNCIL MAKES IMPACT ON NATIONAL LEVEL

**GLENDALÉ, Ariz.** – Three members of the Glendale City Council have been appointed to serve on the National League of Cities (NLC) policy committees and member councils for 2014. Mayor Jerry Weiers was re-appointed to the Military Communities Council and to the Public Safety & Crime Prevention Committee. Councilmember Gary Sherwood was selected to serve as the Vice-Chair of the First-Tier Suburbs Council and as a member of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. Councilmember Sammy Chavira was appointed to serve on the Public Safety & Crime Prevention Committee.

Each of the policy committees and councils at NLC is responsible for developing federal policy positions, which guide the legislative activities of NLC throughout the year as they lobby on behalf of cities and towns in Congress.

Glendale's close proximity to Luke Air Force Base will play a role in developing best practices to address issues unique to a community that houses a major military installation, and Mayor Jerry Weiers is honored to help guide the discussion. "I am pleased to be re-appointed to serve on the Military Communities Council where I have the opportunity to meet with municipal leaders from across the nation that host military installations in their communities and to work together towards strategies that support the missions of our military bases, the active duty servicemen and women and our veterans," Mayor Weiers said.

Housing, transportation, economic revitalization and education are a few of the areas that Councilmember Sherwood will be involved with on the First-Tier Suburbs Council.

"It is a great honor to be selected to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Council, and I look forward to helping lead the regional, state and national policy discussions of communities like Glendale who represent suburban areas and share the unique challenges and strengths associated with first-tier cities," Councilmember Sherwood said. "As a member of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, this will

fit nicely with my involvement on the Board of Directors for Valley Metro and RPTA as Glendale develops their transportation plans through the next two decades.”

Councilmember Sammy Chavira will be responsible for helping develop policy on initiatives such as disaster preparedness, homeland security, crime prevention and fire municipal policy. He stated that “As a local government leader and a professional fire fighter, I am excited to be serving on the Public Safety & Crime Prevention Committee and to have the opportunity to continue to advocate on the important national public safety issues that keep our communities safe and our first responders prepared.”

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